REMARKS

Applicant has addressed the deficiencies identified in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Specifically, the status identifier of claim 1 has been correctly changed from "Previously presented" to "Currently amended." Reconsideration of the present application is requested in view of the foregoing amendment, along with the amendments and arguments submitted with Applicant's prior response. It is believed that the application, including claims 1-8, 31, and 32, is in condition for allowance. Action toward that end is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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